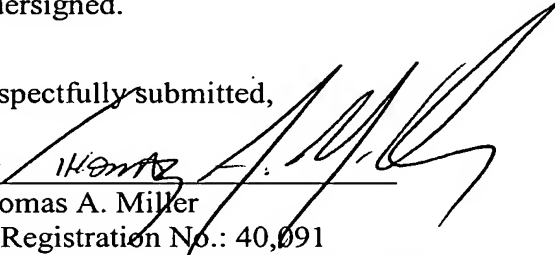


**REMARKS**

The above-referenced amendments to the specification and claims have been made to place the application into better accordance with standard U.S. practice, including the provision of section headings and the removal of multiple dependencies from the claims and reference numerals from the abstract. Applicants respectfully the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit same. Should the Examiner have any questions, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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